LEEPER, ROXA

[Madill, OK], 1921-1927

September 22nd, 1921

Miss Roxa Leeper
Box 398, Medill, Okla.

Dear Madam:

Your letter of September 9th has been received and we are much interested in the medal of which you write. Our Society has been striving to build up a collection of these Indian Peace Medals for some time.

It is difficult to judge from the rather poor photograph which you have sent us, but the Curator informs me that this medal is possibly worth $125.00. Our funds for purchasing are very limited, but if you would consider an offer of this amount and would send the medal to us for examination, it is possible that we might find some of our members who would contribute this amount for a piece so well authenticated as this. You will, of course, realize the desirability of having it in a large permanent collection such as that of our Museum where it will be taken care of and prized as it should be.

May I have your permission to rephotograph the prints which you sent us? I will return them on receipt of your reply.

Trusting that a way may be opened whereby your medal may come to enrich our collection, I am

Very truly yours,

Secretary

SW/E

Madill Oklahoma
9-26-21

Sidney M Noe-
New York-

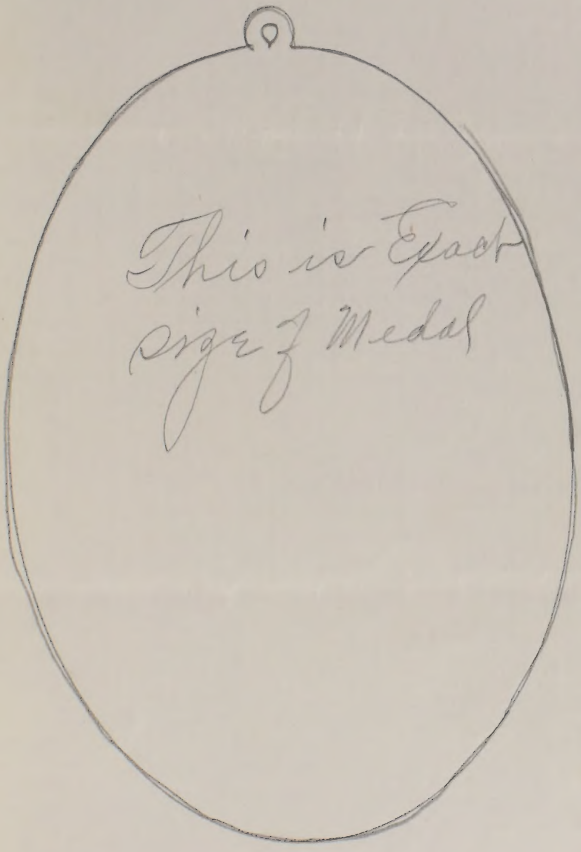
Have just recieved yaur letter relating to the "Peace Medal" in my possession + will say I could not think of accepting yaur offer of $125-00 for it it is worth more than that to me because of associations
You asked my permission to rephotograph the pictures which yaur are perfectly welcome to do I will send yaur a diagram showing

exact size of medal. The engraving is very plain every line showing very well. I could have a better copy made if necessary I will be giving you the history as my Brother had it from My Father "It seems this medal was taken from What is known as a "Pin" Indian, Oct 1862 Genl Jas G Blount in Charge of a Kansas Div: of the Army of the Frontier made an attack on the Confederate forces at Ft Wayne under Col. D. H. Cooper which resulted

ive Victory for the Union
Forces. A man by the
name of Stoddard together
with Jas + Hiram Super
were cut off from their
Command + in trying
to get back was passing
an Indian who fired
upon by this Indian;
they returned the fire
killing him instantly.
He had on this Medal,
2 pr of silver bracelets, a
braded belt 9 ft long +
Beaded Moccasons.
They devided the thing
the Medal falling to My
Uncle Jas Super as he

shot thru the head. My uncle died during the war & the Medal was sent together with the gun he used to my father & has been in our family 59½ years. I do not care so much about selling it as I wanted to know the real value. A short had three or four collectors to buy the medal but I have been told it is very valuable & at least do not want to sell for a song.

Yours Very Resp
Miss Rosa Lesher


This is Exact
Size of Medal

October 1st, 1921

Miss Nora Leeper
Madill, Okla.

Dear Madam:

Your letter of September 26th arrived this morning. Thank you very much for your permission to rephotograph the prints you sent. I am wondering, however, if there are any facilities for having a good photograph of the piece made by you at our expense. I will hold the prints until I receive your reply.

We quite understand your feeling with regard to the medal and your unwillingness to consider parting with it. Should this condition at any time change, might I ask that you let our Society have the opportunity of acquiring the piece at such price as may be offered you by any private individual? My reason for suggesting this is partly because of the history connected with it. Of course, the association value which you attach to the piece would not maintain with any purchaser; a number of these medals have been sold in the past two years. And much depends on the condition, as I think I wrote you.

It is possible after seeing the medal that we might feel that it is worth more than the $125.00 I have mentioned; but, in any event, if you would permit the Society to consider its purchase at the sum which might be offered by any prospective purchaser - assuming that you should be willing to consider parting with it, your interests would not be in any wise affected.

Thanking for calling this medal to our attention,

Very truly yours,

Secretary

SFN/E

January 29th, 1924.

Miss Roxa Leeper,
1502 West Broadway,
Ardmore, Okla.

Dear Miss Leeper:

Regarding the Indian Peace Medal of Washington, dated 1792, about which we have had some correspondence, I have taken up the question of this Medal with some of our people, and I am prepared to offer you $350.00 cash for it, which in view of my experience with other medals of this character, I consider a top price.

Should you decide to accept this offer, the Medal could be sent addressed to the American Numismatic Society as above, and properly insured, and as soon as it is received, I will forward you a check for the amount.

Kindly advise me as to when and how the Medal will be sent, and greatly oblige

Yours very truly,

Chairman, Committee on Indian Peace Medals.

BLB:M

June 22, 1927

Miss Roxa Leeper,
408 Third Avenue, N.W.,
Ardmore, Okla.

Dear Miss Leeper:

The last correspondence I had with you regarding your oval engraved Washington Medal of 1792, was in March 1926, and it has occurred to me that you may possibly, by this time, be ready to put a price on the medal, in which case I would be glad to put it up to our Board, and give you a prompt decision as to whether we would purchase it or not.

I think I offered you $375 for the medal. The way I arrived at this figure was as follows:- These medals, when sold at auction (and auction records are usually considered in arriving at the value of rate specimens) usually bring about $500. The charge for catalogue and auctioneer's fee is 25%, which would amount to $166.67, so at that rate the owner would receive $333.33 or less than I offered you.

As my offer was withdrawn, this is an entirely new proposition, and any price that you may offer will be considered without any reference to past negotiations.

Very sincerely yours,

Chairman, Committee on Indian Peace Medals

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